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3-31-81 on-the-air-I.D. 821 "WILKES-BARRE-SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA"

B.S.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 122

FM
WKRZ (EFF. 10-23-80)

Date first licensed 5-17-48

Call letters ~~WKRZ~~ **WKRZ-FM**
LOCATION: WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

NORTHEAST RADIO, INC. (ALH 10-9-80, EFF: 10-17-80)

x WBBE RADIO, INC. (BALH-204; Gr. 7-8-55; EFF: 8-8-55)

Name of licensee **X LOUIS G. BALTIMORE**

Wyoming Mountain, Route #933, Bear Creek Twp., Pennsylvania (Re-descript. BLH-4-30-68)
Transmitter location **xx Pennsylvania Route 933, Near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**

156 South Franklin Street, Wilkes Barre, Penn. (LETTER - 6-11-81)

x 62 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Penns. (SH-12-18-75)

Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (PH-6-23-67)

x 189 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (SH 3-31-64)

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Main studio location **X 62 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B2-PH-389	11-21-45	103.7 No. 279	2.2 kw		
Letter	6-17-46	Subject to Comm. approval of antenna and transmitter details.			
B2-PH-389	7-1-46	103.7 No. 279	2.2 kw	U	By 9-1-46 to 3-1-47
C.P. for FM broadcast station					
BMPH-212	3-4-47	103.7	2.2 kw		By 9-1-46
Mod. C.P. change completion date			--		To 9-1-47
Telegrams	3-13-47	STA to operate on 103.7 mcs using RCA BTF-1C trans. max. power 1 kw. and single bay turnstile ant. mount 40 ft. above ground near Wilkes-Barre on Rt 333 Purpose FM program period 3-13-47 to 6-10-47			
Telegram	5-9-47	Retel 8. Authority extended and modified period ending 8-10-47 operate using frequency, equipment and power specified in C. P. BMPH-212 for FM program service.			
Telegram	6-13-47	Retel Attorney 11. Authority modified period ending 8-10-47 operate 98.5 mcs. other operating conditions in acc. with C. P. for FM program service. Notify Comm. when operation begins on 98.5 mcs.			
	6-27-47	98.5 (No. 253) Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6768			
Daylet	8-7-47	Retel atty 30. Auth. ext. period end. 10-1-47 op using freq., equip. & power specified in CP MPH-212 mcs. service.			
BMPH-640	9-2-47	Ext. of completion date to 11-1-47			
Telegram	9-26-47	Retel Atty. 23. Auth. extended period ending Nov. 1, 1947 operate 98.5 Mcs. Channel 253 other operating conditions in acc. with CP 389 for FM program ser.			
Telegram	10-31-47	Retel atty. 23 Auth. extended interim operation period ending Jan. 15, 1948.			
BMPH-997	11-6-47	98.5 mc	2.2 kw	U	By 9-1-46
BMPH-1053	11-18-47		Terr: 1,125'		to 3-1-48
Mod. of CP for change in ant. system					
Mod. of CP for extension					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **WJLB-AM**

Name of licensee **X LOUIS G. BALTIMORE**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From: To:
Telegram	1-8-48	Relet atty. Auth. extended period ending March 1, 1948 interim operation using facilities specified in BPH-1053.			
BLH-152	5-17-48	98.5 mc Ch# 253	2.2 kw Terr: 1,125'	U	5-17-48 to 3-1-50
LICENSE TO COVER (mailed 6-1-48)					
BRH-122	2-23-50	Renewal of license			3-1-50 to 3-1-51
BRH-122	2-21-51	Renewal of license			To 3-1-54
Tel. 1-19-53; RETEL 16. Auth. remain silent to 4-19-53 pend. completion construction per BPH-1820					
BPH-1820	12-29-52	C.P. to change antenna, tr. location ERP 2.3kw, Terr 1190 from 2-29-53 to 8-29-53			
Tel. 4-10-53. RETEL ATTY. 7. Auth for equip. test followed by P.T. re BPH-1820. pending 302.					
BLH-888	6-24-53	License to cover CP to			3-1-54
BRH-122	3-17-54	Renewal of license to			8-1-54
BRH-122	7-28-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO			8-1-57
WIRE	11-29-54	RELET 26. Auth. gr. remain silent to			12-31-54
BPH-1986	12-3-54	CP chg lic. station lower terr: 1160ft. --- tower of antenna			2-3-55 8-3-55
WIRE	12-31-54	RETEL ATTY 30. Auth remain silent ext. to			1-31-55
WIRE	1-17-55	RETEL 15. Auth. oper. accord BPH-1986 30 days			
BLH-1036	3-14-55	Lic. cover CP (BPH-1986) to			8-1-57
BALH-204	7-8-55	Assignment to WIRE Radio, Inc.			
WIRE	2-3-56	RELET 2 1956. Auth. granted remain silent Period 60 days.			
BTC-2331	10-1-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Louis G. Baltimore & David M. Baltimore TO WIRE-TV, INC.			
BRH-122	7-25-57	98.5	2.25 kw	U	8-1-57 to 8-1-60
BRH-122	7-7-60	Renewal of License			8-1-60 to 8-1-63

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **W B R E - F M**

Name of licensee **W B R E RADIO, INC.**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRH-122	7-31-63	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-66
BSH-122 (1)	3-31-64	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc.			
BRH-122	7-29-66	98.5mc ERP: 2.25kw Unl. Ch.#253 TPO: 960w			8-1-66 8-1-69
HAAT: 1,160'		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BPH-5664	6-23-67	98.5mc. ERP: 6.9kw U (H&V) ch# 253 TPO: 4.1kw			8-23-67 2-23-68
HAAT: 1,100' (H&V)		CP to chg. studio location; install new type trans (RCA-BTF-5E); install new type ant (RCA-BFC-4, 4 sects); incr. TPO; ERP; and decr. HAAT;			
BLH-3946(L)	4-30-68	Lic. (BPH-5664) changes			8-1-69
BRCH-931 (1)	5-21-69	Operate RC.			
BRH-122	(L) 10-17-69	RENEWAL OF LIC. & NDEA			8-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-122(S)	7-31-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
TEL.	12-22-72	TRANS: RCA-BTF-5E1 now installed.			parent corp
BTC-7139	2-6-74	VOL RELINQ OF POSITIVE CONTROL OF LIC			
EFF: 2-12-74					
BRH-122(L)	7-23-75	Renewal of License			8-1-78
BSH-122(1)	11-18-75	ML to change SL			
BPH-10152	8-24-76	98.5MHz ERP: 5.8kw (H&V) U			
HAAT: 1180' (H&V)		CP chg TPO, ERP, HAAT & Ant (RC			8-24-77
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	11-1-76	PETITION FOR WAIVER FOR LIMITED TEMPORARY WAIVER OF THE AM-FM PROGRAM DUPLICATION RULE FILED BY: HOGAN & HARTSON.			
BLH-7465	8-23-77	Lic (BPH-10152) for chgs			8-1-78
BRH-122	7-12-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.			8-1-81
BALH8007	17HZ 10-9-80	VOL ALH		EFF:	10-17-80
EBSA	10-23-80	CALL SIGN CHANGE			

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

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Station Location

Name SEE CARD ONE

Transmitter Location SEE CARD ONE

Main studio location SEE CARD ONE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
LETTER	6-11-81	SL & RC Now Loc. at: 156 South Franklin Street, Wilkes Barre, Penn.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
LettersWBRE - FM
-New-

WBRE RADIO, INC.

Name **X** LOUIS G. BALTIMORE

P.O. 62 Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-PH-389 Recd.	2-18-44	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station. Frequency: Not specified Coverage: Not specified Studio: 62 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Transmitter: Site to be determined in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania Filed by Karl A. Smith, Att'y.	Granted for Met. type station-Conditional - Type 1 letter mailed 11-23-45	11-21-45
	3-6-44			
AMENDED Recd. Filed	12-6-44	Amended to specify the following: Frequency: 48,500 kcs., Coverage: 24,200 Sq.Mi. Population: 2,201,902 Transmitter: Penna. Route 933, Near Wilkes- and antenna. / Barre, Pa. (RCA FM 10-A Max. 10kw) Letter recd. 9-16-45 re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 Current balance sheet submitted. (Metropolitan) Program analysis rec'd 3-29-46	Basic Engr. approved	5-16-46.
	12-8-44			
	12-8-44		Program analysis approved	5-16-46.
	12-8-44			
			C.P. issued	7-1-46

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters

W B R E -FM

Name LOUIS G. BALTIMORE

P.O. 62 Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
		Engineering information rec'd 6-26-46 in re Comm. letter of 6-17-46, changing type of transmitter and making changes in antenna system.		
BMPH-212	2-5-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-389 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change completion from 3-1-47 to 9-1-47.	GRANTED	3-4-47
Rec'd	2-7-47	Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney		
Filed	2-7-47			
BMPH-640	8-1-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-389) as modified, which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-1-47 to 11-1-47.	GRANTED	9-2-47
Rec'd	8-5-47	Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney		
Filed	8-5-47			
BMPH-997	10-20-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-389 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to make changes in antenna system.	granted	11-6-47
Rec'd	10-23-47	Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney		
Filed	10-23-47			

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CARD #3

Call

Letters W H R E - FMName LOUIS G. BALTIMORE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-1053 Rec'd Filed	11-3-47 11-7-47 11-7-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-389 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-1-47 to 3-1-48. Filed by Lester Cohen, Attorney	GRANTED	11-18-47
BLH-152 Rec'd Filed	2-5-48 2-12-48 2-12-48	License to cover C. P. (B2-PH-389 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney	GRANTED	5-17-48
BRH-122 Rec'd & Filed	12-12-49 12-14-49	Renewal of license. Filed by Corwin Lockwood, Atty	GRANTED	2-23-50
BRH-122 Rec'd. Filed	12-20-50 12-27-50 12-27-50	Renewal of license Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	2-21-51

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WBRE-TV

Name **LOUIS G. BALTIMORE**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-1820 Rec'd Filed	12-23-52 12-24-52 12-24-52	C.P. to make changes in licensed station - Change type of antenna to Collins, 37M-3, 3-sec; change tr location to 4.5 mi. SE of Wilkes-Barre; change ERP to 2.3 kw; increase overall height of antenna. Filed by Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	12-29-52
BLE-899 rec'd & Filed	4-9-53 4-20-53	License to cover C.P. (BPH-1820) which auth. changes in licensed station Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty	GRANTED	6-24-53
BRH-122 Recd. & filed	11-19-53 12-1-53	Renewal of license Lester Cohn, atty	GRANTED	3-17-54
BRH-122 Recd. & Filed	6-28-54 6-30-54	Informal request for renewal of license Corwin R. Lockwood, atty	GRANTED	7-28-54
BPH-1986 Recd. & Filed	11-22-54 11-26-54	C.P. to make changes in licensed station to lower tower of antenna to accommodate new TV Antenna. Corwin R. Lockwood, atty	GRANTED Terr: 1160 ft.	12-3-54

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Call Letters **WBRE-FM**

~~LOUIS G. BALTIMORE~~ **WBRE Radio, Inc.**
 Name **Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-1036 Recd. & Filed	2-7-55 2-18-55	License to cover C. P. (BPH-1986 which authorized changes in licensed station) Hogan & Hartson, attys	GRANTED	3-14-55
BALH-204 Recd & Filed	5-9-55 6-23-55	Vol. assignment to WBRE Radio, Inc. Filed by Corwin Lockwood, Atty	GRANTED EFF:	7-8-55 8-8-55
BTC-2331 Recd & filed	8-30-56 9-18-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Louis G. Baltimore & David M. Baltimore to WBRE-TV, INC. Corwin R. Lockwood, atty	GRANTED EFF:	10-1-56 10-2-56
BRH-122 Rec. & filed	4-22-57 5-2-57	Renewal of license Filed direct	GRANTED	7-25-57
BRH-122 Rec'd & Filed	4-15-60 5-4-60	Renewal of license. Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	7-7-60
BRH-122 R & F	4-22-63 5-2-63	Renewal of License Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters **W B R E-FM**

Name **WBRE RADIO, INC.**
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-122 R & F	4-25-66 5-3-66	Renewal of license Atty- Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	7-29-66
BPH-5664 R & F	12-9-66 12-15-66	Construction Permit to change studio location to Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; install new type trans(RCA-BTF-5E); install new type ant.(RCA-BFC-4, 4 sections); make change in ant. system(incr. hght); incr. TPO to 4.225kw; incr. ERP to 6.93kw; and decr. HAAT to 1100 ft. Attys - Hogan & Hartson (Corwin Lockwood) Engr. Charles Sakoski	GRANTED	6-23-67
BLH-3946 R & F #403729 \$30 PT APR 25 1968	1/23/68 1/30/68 1/30/68 2/9/68	License (BPH-5664, for changes). Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED	4-30-68

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters WBRE-FM

Name WBRE RADIO, INC.
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-122 R & F #509636 \$75. PRESS MAY 2 1969	4-15-69 4-25-69 4-25-69	Renewal of License Atty-Hogan & Hartson AMENDED 7-16-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	10-16-69
BRCH-931 R & F #513321 #30 MAY 2 1 1969	5-8-69 5-9-69 5-9-69	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 62 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (WBRE-TV). Studio	GRANTED Began RC	5-21-69 10-14-69
BRH-122 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 11 1972	4-24-72 5-3-72 "	Atty.: Corwin R. Lockwood RENEWAL OF LICENSE Marvin J. Diamond, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	7-31-72
BTC-7139 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #177535 CODE 049 (ALSO SEE AM Pub. notice & letter 5-23-73 1973	4-16-73 4-23-73	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of WBRE-TV, Inc. (parent corp of lic corp) by Louis G. Baltimore thru sale of stock to David M. Baltimore Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED GRANT FEE \$111.84 (INCLUDES AM, TV EFF:	2-19-74 W 280247 2-6-74 2-12-74

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WBRE-FMName WBRE RADIO, INC.
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-122 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-17-75 3-24-75 " APR 4 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-75
BPH-10152 R & F 575604#125 CODE 001 PRESS \$25 Returned 8-10-76 (Overpayment)	5-24-76 6-3-76 6-4-76 AUG 13 1976	CP install new Ant {RCA BFC-4B, Custom, 4 sects H&V}; chg TPO; ERP: 5.75kw H&V; HAAT: 1179' H&V Atty. Marvin J. Diamond Engr. R. Silliman	GRANTED	8-24-76
BLH-7465 R & F PTA PRESS	7-14-77 7-20-77 7-26-77 AUG 15 1977	Lic. {BPH-10152} chgs Atty. Marvin J. Diamond Engr. Jack Demsky	GRANTED	8-23-77

3-29-78 SECOND PETITION FOR CONTINUED WAIVER OF SECTION 73.242 OF THE RULES FILED BY
MARVIN J. DIAMOND, ESQ. (HOGAN & HARTSON)

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May 1978

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Call **W K R Z**
Letters **WBRE-FM**

NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

Name **WBRE RADIO, INC.****WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-122 R & F PRESS	3-17-78 3-30-78 APR 24 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-12-78
BALH800717HZ FORM 314 Rec'd PRESS (ALSO SEE WBRE-AM)	7-1-80 AUG 7 1980	Voluntary AL to Northeast Radio, Inc. Atty: Assignor: Marvin J. Diamond (Hogan & Hartson) Assignee: Michael H. Bader (Haley, Bader & Potts) (Over)	GRANTED EFF:	10-9-80 10-17-80
LETTER DATED PRESS (O)	1-14-81 JAN 27 1981	Filed by Michael H. Bader Request for Dual City Identification As: WILKES-BARRE-SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.	GRANTED:	3-31-81

BALH800717HZ AMENDED 9-8-80 Re: Proposed Change in Format

PETITION TO DENY Filed 9-8-80 By Frank U. Fletcher on behalf of Highland Broadcasting Corp.

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PETITION TO DENY filed 9-22-80 by Frank U. Fletcher on behalf of Highland B/cng Corp.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 9-22-80 By Michael H. Bader on behalf of Northeast Radio Inc.

PETITION FOR TAX CERTIFICATE Filed 11-12-80 By Marvin Diamond on behalf of WBRE RADIO, INC.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Call Letters: W K R Z

Name: NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

Station Location: WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH810401UQ PRESS	MAY 20 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Michael H. Bader	gr. 7-7-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

